

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, December 15, 2020)
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Members Present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor (Via Webex)
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
ALisa Casas, Communications Director, Public Information Office

1. WELCOME

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:01 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes of December 8, 2020, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

2. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - Decision - Ordinance Amending 2020 LOSAP Benefit Point Award

Commissioner Hewitt recused himself for this agenda item.

I move to approve the ordinance amending the St. Mary's County Code, Chapter 181, Section 181-5, Length of Service Award point award process, by incorporating that for calendar year 2020 a blanket 25 LOSAP points shall be awarded to all those who earned 50 points in calendar year 2019 and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan, O'Connor
Not Present at Vote: Commissioner Hewitt

B. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Request for Public Hearing - Amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to include Commercial Wedding as a Use Type

I move to approve an evening public hearing on the proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance for the Commercial Wedding Use.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR JANUARY 5 AND 12, 2021. There will be no Commissioner Meetings on December 22 and 29, 2020.

B. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - YMCA Fundraising Study

I move to approve the Agreement between the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the YMCA of the Chesapeake to provide a Campaign Feasibility Study for a YMCA in St. Mary's County and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

C. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Proposed Transfer of South Coral Place/Tulagi Place Alleyway

I move to allow the Office of the County to schedule a public hearing for the transfer of South Coral Place/Tulagi Place Alleyway to the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department, and cancel the Public Auction.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

D. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Southern Maryland Seaplanes Lease Agreement

I move to approve the Terminal Lease Agreement between the Southern Maryland Seaplanes for occupation of space at the St. Mary's County Regional Airport and the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

E. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Position Reclassification Request

I move to approve the Sheriff's Office request to reclassify the Security Specialist position to a Court Security Officer position effective January 1, 2021.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

F. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - Additional grant funds from Exelon Generation Company

I move to approve the additional funding for the Exelon Revenue Grant, Project OT2110 in the amount of \$6,500.00 from Exelon Generation Company LLC on behalf of the Department of Emergency Services for updating St. Mary's County Emergency Plans and the related budget amendment and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

G. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - USGS Weather Station Monitoring Device - McIntosh Run

I move to approve \$17,819 from the Commissioners Reserve to purchase U.S. Geological Survey monitoring equipment for McIntosh Run through the use of a weather monitoring station and further authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

H. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - EMS Billing Status Update

I move to approve the Department of Emergency Services request to fund supplemental staffing of volunteer rescue squads between January 1, and June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$906,000.00 and execute their stated plan of action.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

I. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Budget Amendment to Realign County Departments' Personal Services Budget Accounts for FY2021

I move to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$522,500, increasing \$121,275 in salary and fringe accounts, and transferring \$401,225 to the Commissioners' Emergency Reserve due to salary savings.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

J. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Request to Rescind Hiring Freeze Resolution 2020-35

I move to rescind Resolution #2020-35 to restrict FY2021 expenditures due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and to permit hourly employees to move into the respective full time positions, mutually acceptable to both parties, thereby exempting the requirement to recruit and advertise for positions that was impacted by the hiring freeze.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

K. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - COVID 19 Nurse Support FY21

I move to approve \$35,400 from the Commissioner's Reserve to continue funding St. Mary's County Government nursing support for the remainder of the fiscal year or to the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, whichever is first.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

L. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - CARES Grant Reconciliation

I move to approve the changes in the CARES Spending Plan as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION TO ADJOURN AS COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY

I move to adjourn as the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and reconvene as the St. Mary's County Board of Health

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

4. ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

A. BOARD OF HEALTH

Present: Dr. Meenakshi Brewster, Health Officer

Dr. Brewster discussed the COVID-19 data on the Health Department's Website. There have been 2,952 COVID-19 cases in St. Mary's County with 74 COVID-19 related deaths. Thirty-three percent of county residents have been tested with five record-breaking weeks of positive cases. There are Covid outbreaks at all three long term care facilities. She discussed the implementation of the St. Mary's County Health Department Patient Portal, a new Behavioral Health Screening Tool on the St. Mary's County Health Department website, and the recently approved vaccination and its distribution. She also reminded citizens of the Draft Community Health Assessment available for review and comments until December 18, 2020.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AS THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

I move to adjourn as the St. Mary's County Board of Health and reconvene as the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

5. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events over the past week and provided general comments.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into Closed Session to discuss Personnel and Real Property.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

6. CLOSED SESSION

A. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner (Via Webex)
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
David Weiskopf, County Attorney
Diane Gleissner, Coordinator
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:45 a.m. - 11:54 a.m.

Location: CSMC Meeting Room

Purpose: Boards and Commissions Appointments

B. REAL PROPERTY

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner (Via Webex)
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
David Weiskopf, County Attorney
Arthur Shepherd, Director, Dept. of Recreation and Parks
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(6) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:54 a.m. - 12:08 p.m.

Location: CSMC Meeting Room

Purpose: To discuss the disposition of county-owned real property

C. REAL PROPERTY

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner (Via Webex)
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Arthur Shepherd, Director, Dept. of Recreation and Parks
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(6) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 12:08 p.m. - 12:14 p.m.

Location: CSMC Meeting Room

Purpose: To hold preliminary discussions concerning the purchase or disposition of real property

D. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Catherine Pratson, Director, Dept. of Human Resources
Arthur Shepherd, Director, Dept. of Recreation and Parks
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 12:15 p.m. - 12:22 p.m.

Location: CSMC Meeting Room

Purpose: To consider the assignment, promotion, resignation, salary, demotion, dismissal, reprimand, or appointment of a member of a public agency or employee, unless the individual, as a matter of public record, makes a written request for an open session

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:22 pm.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on January 5, 2021.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

8. BUDGET WORK SESSION

A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Budget Work Session - CIP Follow-up and Operating